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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : McAlister et al.  
Serial No. : 10/764,619  
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For : Stapling and Cutting in Resectioning for Full Thickness  
Resection Devices  
Group Art Unit : 3734  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 29, 2006, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows: